

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the forgoing amendments, claims 44, 62-64, and 67-74 are pending in this application with claims 44, 62, and 63 being independent claims. No claim is allowed.

Claims 65 and 66 have been newly canceled, without prejudice.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 65 and 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed. With this paper, claims 65 and 66 have been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 44 and 62-74 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Madany* (US 5,922,050) in view of *Beard* (US 6,067,577) in further view of *Nakagawa et al.* (US 5,832,911). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

With this paper, claims 65 and 66 have been canceled rendering the rejection moot with respect to these claims.


With respect to claims 44, 62-64, and 67-74, the current rejection represents the second rejection of claim 44. Rather than respond to this rejection here, an appeal has been filed with respect to these claims and the rejection will be addressed therein.

Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will narrow the issues for an appeal. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,  
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